MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, but with due regard to qualification and efficiency.

(*b*) Yes.

Paucity of Arabic Munshies in Schools.

54. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that there are many schools without Arabic *Munshies* in spite of the recommendations of the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that there are some schools which have not been provided with Arabic *Munshies*. The matter is receiving attention; but the number of these is small compared with the number of those that have been provided with such *Munshies*.

Teaching of Koran in Schools.

55. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the teaching of Koran in schools is one of the best modes of encouragement for attracting Muslim students into schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളിൽ കൊറാൻ ടീച്ചേർസിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു മുസ്ലംവിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ അതിലേക്കാകർഷിക്കുന്നതിനല്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That seems to have been the idea.

Payment of Salaries to Teachers in Aided Schools.

56. **MR. L. R. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in many Aided Schools there is much grievance amongst the teachers in the matter of their pay not being disbursed properly and in time; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in many such schools the pay actually disbursed to teachers is not the same as shown in the returns?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the arrears of pay in the several Aided Schools of the State at the end of the last academic year (1927-28)?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to arrange for all the accounts of these public institutions being audited at least once a year by Government Auditors?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to direct all the managers to deposit with the Government the sum to cover the monthly pay (and contributions to pension or permanent fund) of all teachers and to disburse the pay from the Government direct every month as to teachers in Government Schools?

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(5) If the Government have no information as regards part (1), will they be pleased to call for the information, directing the Inspecting Officers to take evidence direct from the teachers concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) No complaint has been made to the Director of Public Instruction on the subject.

(2) This is not practicable.

(3) and (4) The suggestions of the member are neither expedient nor practicable.

(5) An investigation will be undertaken if the member will furnish the Director of Public Instruction with specific instances of fraud.

Analysis of Water at Alleppey.

57. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of deputing some of the expert doctors of the State to analyse different specimens of water obtainable at Alleppey with a view to discover how far the water is responsible for the many kinds of diseases prevalent at Alleppey?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Transfer of Arabic Munshies.

58. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of empowering the Mahomedan Inspector to transfer *Arabic Munshies*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Increasing the number of Medical Officers in the General Hospital.

59. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): (1) In the interests of the patients who attend the General Hospital, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of appointing immediately a sufficient number of Medical Officers, so that each ward may be under the charge of a separate Medical Officer?

(2) If this is not possible, will they be pleased to consider the appointment immediately of some more Medical Officers in the General Hospital and thereby increase their number corresponding to the number and need of the patients?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Administrative Board, Medical Services, reports that it is neither feasible nor necessary to place each ward, *i. e.* room, under the charge of a separate Medical Officer as the number of beds in each ward varies.

(2) The General Hospital is better staffed in proportion to the number of beds than the other hospitals in the State.

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